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25X1 1. On 27 January 1953, [] ship approached Swinemunde and, on the roads
25X1 close to the leading buoy, received a pilot from the pilot boat which also
25X1 carried a Polish soldier in addition to the crew. On this trip, as on his
25X1 previous voyages to Stettin, [] the Polish pilots were rather
25X1 well acquainted with the lighting but with a few exceptions, were poor seamen.
[] their directions had to be carefully checked.

2. Coal was the main cargo taken on by foreign vessels in Stettin. As all coal arrived by rail, the loading was dependent on the transport situation on the railroad line between Upper Silesia and Stettin and, therefore, ships had occasionally to wait for their cargo or part of the cargo to arrive. Almost all coal was transhipped in the old Reiherwaerder Hafen (Reiherwaerder Basin) which had been reconstructed and considerably expanded by the Poles and was equipped with efficient 5-ton luffing cranes. ¹

5. Only the ship's captain had permission to go ashore. No difficulties were experienced when the ship was checked. The ship's articles, the discharge books and the identity of the crew members were carefully checked. The Polish ship-broker stated that almost all the Poles who had previously been engaged in shipping and, after World War II, had been employed in reconstruction work in the harbor, were transferred to the interior of the country.

25X1 1. Comment. For sketch of the former Reilherwaerder Hafen, renamed Basen Kaszubski, see Annex.

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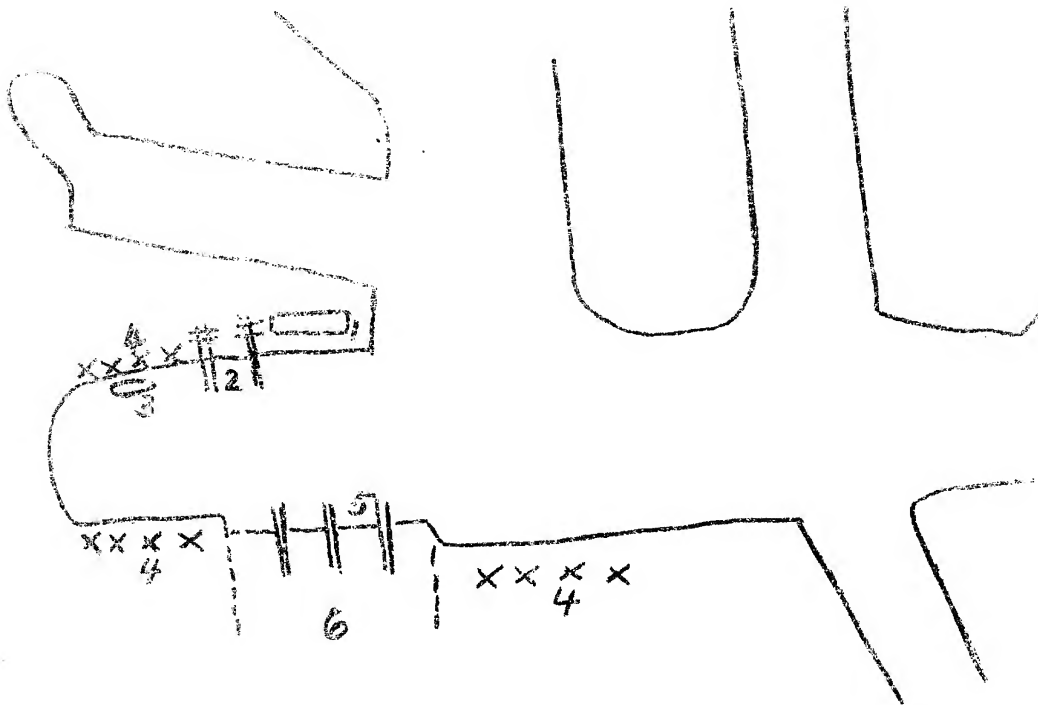
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Koiterwaerder Hafen (Basen Kaszubski)



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- 1 New and well functioning coal chute
- 2 New coal chute manufactured by the Skoda Plant and not yet put into operation. The installation which had to lift and discharge railroad cars over a funnel was not yet safe because of excessive vibration of the cars

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- 4 5-ton luffing cranes
 - 5 Three old formerly German coal loading bridges
 - 6 Soviet Quay used exclusively by Soviet ships for a time after World War II.

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